Africa RISING

‘Transforming African agriculture through sustainable intensification’

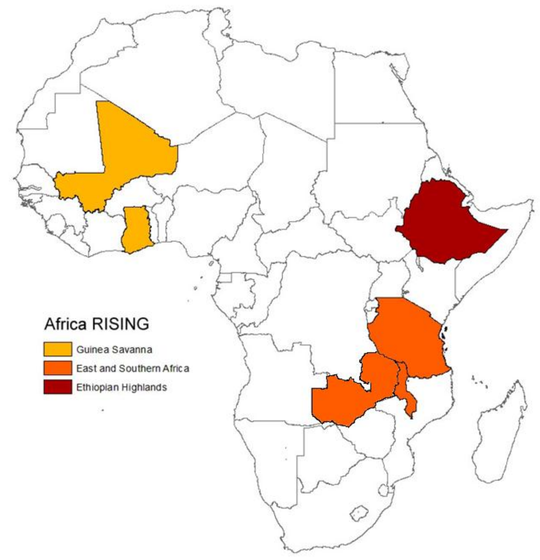
Introduction

The Africa Research in Sustainable Intensification for the Next Generation (Africa RISING) program comprises three research-for-development projects supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as part of the U.S. government’s Feed the Future global food security initiative.

Through action research and development partnerships, Africa RISING creates opportunities for smallholder farm households to move out of hunger and poverty. This is achieved by sustainably intensifying farming systems to improve access to food, enhance nutrition, and promote income security, particularly for women and children while the natural resource base is conserved or enhanced.

The three projects are led by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (in West Africa and East and Southern Africa) and the International Livestock Research Institute (in the Ethiopian Highlands). The International Food Policy Research Institute leads the monitoring, evaluation, and impact assessment.

Africa RISING brings together expertise from 10 CGIAR and associated international centers, local and international universities, national governments, national agricultural research institutes, NGOs, and the private sector. It explicitly seeks to align interventions with CAADP national and continent-wide priorities, complement USAID country mission investments, and develop an integrated R4D model that is scalable and adaptable.



Overall aim

The overall aim is to transform agricultural systems through sustainable intensification projects in three regions of Africa:

- Cereal-legume-livestock based farming systems in the Guinea-Sudano-Savannah Zone of West Africa
- Crop-livestock systems with significant areas of wheat grown in the Ethiopian Highlands
- Maize-legume-livestock integrated farming systems in East and Southern Africa

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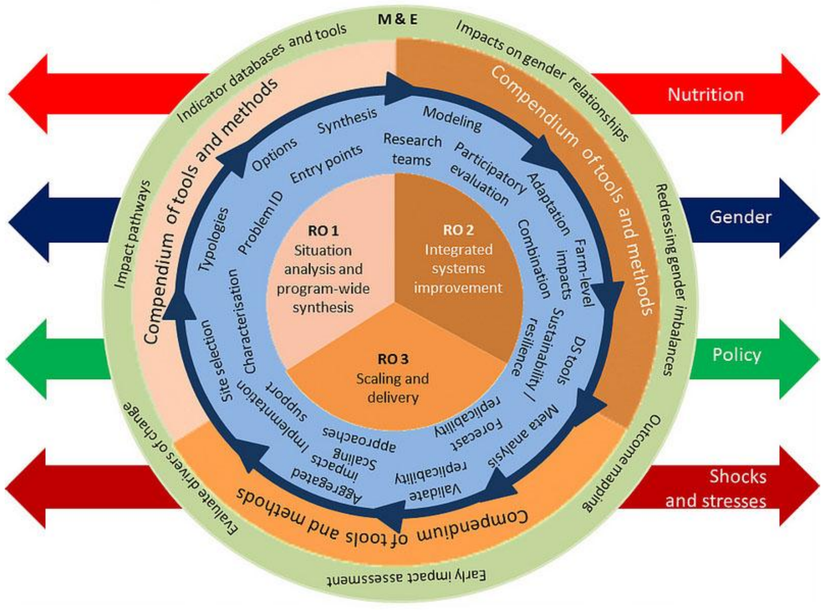

Africa RISING research framework

Why the three regions

These regions were chosen based on analysis of production systems, poverty, population, country development priorities, and the potential for successfully improving agricultural productivity. These projects will also contribute to the CGIAR’s integrated ‘systems’ research programs on drylands and on the humid tropics.

More information

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